

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please update the claims in accordance with the claim listing found below.

CLAIMS:

We claim:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) An interfering ribonucleic acid (iRNA) oligonucleotide consisting of from 15 to 60 nucleotides, which are complementary to nucleotides of a corresponding portion of the sequence SEQ ID No. 21 and which inhibits the expression of OB-RGRP, said iRNA being a double stranded RNA.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A vector incorporating the oligonucleotide as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 12 or 13.

15. (Previously presented) A cell containing the vector as claimed in claim 14.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A composition containing the oligonucleotide, as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 12 or 13 and acceptable excipients.

18-46. (Canceled)

47. (Previously presented) A composition containing a vector as claimed in claim 14 and acceptable excipients.

48. (Previously presented) A composition containing a cell as claimed in claim 15 and acceptable excipients.

49. (New) An iRNA complementary to nucleotides of a corresponding portion of the sequence SEQ ID No. 21 and which inhibits the expression of OB-RGRP, said iRNA comprising AS-14 (SEQ ID No. 2).
50. (New) A vector incorporating the iRNA as claimed in claim 49.
51. (New) A cell containing the vector as claimed in claim 50.
52. (New) A composition containing the iRNA, as claimed in claim 49 and acceptable excipients.
53. (New) A composition containing a vector as claimed in claim 50 and acceptable excipients.
54. (New) A composition containing a cell as claimed in claim 51 and acceptable excipients.